TAKING OVER OF ROAD IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

3118. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from Government of Himachal Pradesh had been received by the Central Government to take over a portion of Road lying between 68 RCC and 100 RCC of GREF (BRO) in district Lahaul Spiti;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Central Government consider taking it over as early as possible considering its strategic importance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

VISIT OF US NAVAL CHIEF

3119. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a meeting lately between the US Naval Chief of Staff and his Indian counterpart;

(b) whether this meeting resulted in any agreement between the two countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No meeting has been held between the US Naval Chief of Staff and his Indian counterpart during 1993.

(b) and (c) Not applicable.

सैन्य स्टेशन स्थापित करने के लिए भूमि का अधिग्रहण

3120. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** 14 दिसम्बर, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं 3040 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू जिले में स्थित अवेरी गांव में एक सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना करने के लिए प्रास्तावित 273.54 एकड़ गैर-सरकारी भूमि के अधिग्रहण और हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार की 95.19 एकड़ भूमि के स्थानान्तरण का कार्य पूरा हो गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कार्य कब पूरा किया गया था और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और ;

(ग) उक्त कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिए जाने की संभावना है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार, जिससे भूमि के अधिग्रहण/अंतरण की मांग की गई थी, ने भूमि अर्जन अधिनियम की धारा 4(1) के तहत अधिसूचना जारी करके निजी भूमि के बारे में अधिग्रहण प्रक्रिया में कोई प्रगति नहीं की है और राज्य सरकार की भूमि रक्षा विभाग को अंतरित भी नहीं की है।

हिमाचल प्रदेश द्वारा हेलीकॉप्टर सेवा के लिए अनुरोध

3121. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार से, इस वर्ष सर्दियों के मौसम में हिमाचल प्रदेश के जनजातीय क्षेत्रों अर्थात् उदयपुर, सतींगरी, किला, ग्रजोग के लिए हेलीकॉप्टर सेवा प्रदान करने के संबंध में कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उक्त अनुरोध पर भारत सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) (क) जी. नहीं,

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

MODERNISATION OF ORDNANCE DEPOTS

3122. SHRI RAM SINGH RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken the work of modernisation of ordnance depots in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the depot-wise details thereof ; and

(c) what scheme have been formulated in this regard during the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Modernisation of the Ordnance Depots is a continuous process. During the last two years, several equipment for communication, security and fire fighting, material handling and office automation were provided to the various depots in the country. Government has also taken up a major modernisation programme and Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur has been selected as a first step. The process of selection of a Consultant for preparation of the detailed projedt report has been taken up. The modernisation of other depots shall be carried out after the successful completion of the modernisation of COD, Kanpur.

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN BUILDING INDIAN NAVY

3123. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek private sector participation in building Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

US OFFER ON LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFT

3124. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States have offered help to India for accomplishing the Light Combat Aircraft project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the United States have started collaboration with India on the LCA in certain specialised areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the offer and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An Agreement was signed in 1987 betwen the Govt. of India and the US Govt. for cooperation in the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme. The agreement envisages Govt-to-Govt. cooperation through laboratory-to-laboratory interaction and training in advanced aeronautical technologies of relevance to the LCA. The agreement also enable direct commercial sales of items needed for the programme. The US Govt. has also issued a document in 1987 on technologies and products which have been cleared for release to India and briefed the US aerospace industry.

In 1992, a contract was concluded between Aeronautical Development Estab-